

REMARKS

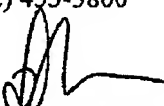
Claims 1 and 15-29 remain pending in the application. Claims 2-14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants submit that the restriction and election of species requirements are moot in view of the above amendments. Nonetheless, Applicants provisionally elect Group I (diagnostic method), species a.

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